Technology mission on drinking water in Orissa

2290. SHRI JAGDISH JANI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the technology mission on drinking water introduced in Orissa;

(b) whether any scheme of the above Technology mission has been introduced in the tribal sub plan areas in Orissa;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken to provide drinking water to the problem villages by that Technology mission so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) Under the National Drinking Water Mission an integrated approach has been adopted for coverage of problem villages with safe drinking water facilities by utilising financial resources under the State Sector Minimum Needs Programme (MNP) and Centrally Sponsored Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP). Mini Mission Prject areas have been taken up in Koraput, Phulbani, 5 blocks of Ganjam and Mayurbhanj districts in the state. Central assistance has also been provided for setting up of 1000 iron removal plants, scientific source finding and source development etc. Rs. 7.06 lakhs representing 25 per cent of the total cost has already been released for setting up of one mobile water testing laboratory and six district level laboratories in Phulbani, Mayurbhanj, Ganjam, Koraput, Kalahandi and Keonjhar.

(b) and (c) The Mini Mission Project Area in Mayurbhanj district referred to in (a) above, has been taken up primarily to benefit the tribal population in this area. Under the Crash Programme, drinking water facilities will be provided to about 1,000 SC/ST habitations with at least 40 households (200 persons) which are at present without a single source of drinking water supply.

(d) As on 1-6-89, there were 1,348 no source problem villages (PVs') to be covered wih safe drinking water facilities in Orissa. All these problem villages are likely to be covered by 31-3-90.

Crop Insurance Scheme in Orissa

2291. SHRI JAGDISH JANI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the crop insurance scheme is being introduced in Orissa;

(b) if so, the various kinds of crops covered by the scheme and since when;

(c) whether the scheme has also been extended for the tribal areas; and

(d) if so, the number of tribal farmers benefited under the scheme so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) and (b) The Comprehensive Crop Insurance Scheme (CCIS) was introduced in Orissa from Kharif 1985 reason. In Orissa so far only the Paddy crop has been covered.

(c) and (d) The CCIS is applicable in any area (including a tribal area) notified by the State Government for an insured crop during a season. The CCIS has been implemented in 118 tribal Blocks in Orissa, apart from other areas. The total number of farmers (including the tribal farmers) covered under the CCIS in Orissa upto Rabi 1988-89